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PSC APPROVES AGREEMENT REACHED IN TANEYCOMO HIGHLANDS SEWER RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement reached by the PSC Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and Taneycomo Highlands, Inc. which authorizes the company to increase sewer revenues by approximately \$5,000 a year effective July 7, 2006. This is the company's first rate increase since May of 1996.

In a November 7, 2005, filing, Taneycomo Highlands, Inc. sought to increase sewer revenues by approximately \$9,250 a year. The company stated an increase in operation and maintenance expenses; increases in Department of Natural Resources (DNR) annual sewer discharge permit fees; and higher chemical demand due to increased phosphorus levels were some of the reasons for seeking a rate increase.

After the company's filing, the PSC Staff conducted a thorough audit of the books and records of Taneycomo Highlands, Incorporated. Based upon that audit, the PSC Staff stated an increase of approximately \$5,000 was warranted. Taneycomo Highlands, Inc. and the Office of the Public Counsel agreed with the PSC Staff recommendation. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Public Service Commission.

Current sewer rates are \$18.14 a month. As of July 7, 2006, the rate will increase to \$38.00 a month.

Taneycomo Highlands, Inc. serves approximately 20 sewer customers in Taney County near Branson, Missouri.

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